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‘UPLIFTING’ OUR VETERANS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

Legislator Steve Stern and County Executive Steve Bellone Present Donated Stair Lift to Veteran



Legislator Steve Stern and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone present a stair lift, donated by Ageless Home Living, to U.S. Navy Veteran Barton Burlison.

HUNTINGTON, NY – Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16th L.D., Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, and County Executive Steve Bellone presented a stair lift to a Suffolk veteran in need Wednesday thanks to a generous donation from Ageless Home Living, a part of the Four Seasons group of companies.

Wishing to honor those remembered on Memorial Day for their sacrifice and our veterans in Suffolk County, Ageless Home Living contacted the Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency in April to ascertain if there was

a veteran in need of a stair lift. The Veterans office quickly identified a veteran in need and Ageless Home Living answered the call.

Vietnam veteran Barton Burlison, who served in the United States Navy from 1964 to 1969 on the USS Arnold J. Isbell, was chosen as the recipient. Mr. Burlison served three tours of duty in the Vietnam War, each lasting between 7 and 8 months. Mr. Burlison suffered mobility difficulties due to his service and hasn't even been able to sleep in his own bed in more than 6 months due to his inability to use the stairs.

"I feel so blessed that I have been given the opportunity to now move throughout my home," Barton Burlison said. "This stair lift is going to change my own life in my own home. Since November of last year, it has been very difficult for me to use the stairs in my home; hence I have not been able to sleep in my bed since November. Now that I am going to have a stair lift installed, I will be able to return to my own bed. I hope that more companies follow the lead of Ageless Home Living and offer this opportunity to other veterans in Suffolk County and throughout the nation."

"We all have a responsibility to our veterans and their families to help ensure that their needs are met. A very special thank you to Ageless Home Living for providing assistance to our neighbor who has served our great nation and for reminding our community, especially as we approach Memorial Day, that we all need to do our part in serving those that have served us," Legislator Stern said.

"Today, we have the opportunity to improve the quality of life of one of our Suffolk County Veterans," County Executive Steve Bellone said. "As we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War how appropriate is it to assist a Vietnam veteran and improve his quality of life. Suffolk County truly thanks Ageless Home Living for their commitment and dedication to serving our veterans."

"We were happy to partner with Suffolk County to identify a veteran in need and provide to him a fully installed stair lift in his home," Brian Fabian, Chief Services Officer of Ageless Home Living, said. "Ageless Home Living wanted to give back to those who have sacrificed so much for our country."